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SUBJECT: CONDITIONS IN ARKHANGELSK

MOSCOW FOR DAO

1. CONGEN OFFICERS PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO ARKHANGELSK MAY 14-15 DURING COURSE OF WHICH IT OBVIOUS THAT MILITARY/CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES OCCUPIED COPING WITH SEVERE FLOODING CONDITIONS. UNSEASONABLY WARM WEATHER THIS WEEK HASTENED ANNUAL THAWING AND NORMAL RUNOFF OF WATER UNABLE KEEP PACE WITH VOLUME OF MELTING ICE. FLOODING CONDITIONS PARTICULARLY ACUTE IN SATELLITE TOWN OF SEVERODVINSK AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES. CONGEN OFFICERS OBSERVED FROM AIRCRAFT THAT ROADS AND HOUSES UNDERWATER, INCLUDING CONNECTING ROAD BETWEEN ARKHANGELSK AND SEVERODVINSK. HELICOPTERS WERE BEING USED TO MONITOR SITUATION AND, POSSIBLY, EVACUATION OF ISOLATED AREAS.

2. OFFICERS OBSERVED 22 LATE-MODEL MIGS AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL MORNING MAY 14 AND 30 UPON DEPARTURE EVENING MAY 16. SOME COWLINGS WERE PARTIALLY COVERED; OTHERS HAD COCKPIT HOODS UP WITH CREW MEMBERS AROUND AIRCRAFT.
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